

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-8 (canceled)

9. (Previously presented) An actuation device for a cooking appliance, comprising:
at least two cooking points;
at least one actuation element having a plurality of actuation modes at least for selection of said cooking points, for adjustment of a heating step, for activation and deactivation of said selected cooking point and at least one additional actuation mode; and
a sensor unit associated with said actuation element for sensing said plurality of actuation modes and said additional actuation mode of said actuation element.
10. (Previously presented) The actuation device according to claim 9, including said actuation element being moved in a predetermined direction to actuate said additional actuation mode and said sensor unit sensing said additional actuation mode..
11. (Previously presented) The actuation device according to claim 10, including said sensor unit sensing said actuation element being moved in a direction toward the front of the cooking appliance.

12. (Currently amended) The actuation device according to claim 9, including said actuation element having a pushbutton incorporated therein for actuating ~~an~~ said additional mode.
13. (Previously presented) The actuation device according to claim 9, including said actuation element formed by a toggle switch having a gripping area with a diameter substantially in the range of between 0.8 centimeters and 1.2 centimeters.
14. (Previously presented) The actuation device according to claim 9, including said actuation element having a telescopic section incorporated therein.
15. (Previously presented) The actuation device according to claim 9, including said actuation element mounted on a cooking surface of the cooking appliance and said actuation element extends less than about two and one-half (2.5) centimeters over said cooking surface in at least one actuation mode.
16. (Previously presented) A cooking appliance, comprising:
at least two cooking points;
an actuation device for actuating at least said cooking points;
said actuation device including at least one actuation element having a plurality of actuation modes at least for selection of said cooking points, for adjustment of a heating step, for activation and deactivation of said selected cooking point and at least one additional actuation mode; and
a sensor unit associated with said actuation element for sensing said plurality of actuation modes and said additional actuation mode of said actuation element.

17. (Previously presented) The cooking appliance according to claim 16, including said actuation element mounted on a cooking surface of the cooking appliance and said actuation element extends less than about two and one-half (2.5) centimeters over said cooking surface in at least one actuation mode.
18. (Previously presented) The cooking appliance according to claim 16, including said actuation element being moved in a predetermined direction to actuate said additional actuation mode and said sensor unit sensing said additional actuation mode.
19. (Previously presented) The cooking appliance according to claim 18, including said sensor unit sensing said actuation element being moved in a direction toward the front of the cooking appliance.
20. (Currently amended) The cooking appliance according to claim 16, including said actuation element having a pushbutton incorporated therein for actuating ~~an~~ said additional mode.
21. (Previously presented) The cooking appliance according to claim 16, including said actuation element formed by a toggle switch having a gripping area with a diameter substantially in the range of between 0.8 centimeters and 1.2 centimeters.
22. (Previously presented) The cooking appliance according to claim 16, including said actuation element having a telescopic section incorporated therein.

23 – 28 (Cancelled)

29. (New) An actuation device for a cooking appliance, comprising:

at least two cooking points;

at least one actuation element, said actuation element being operable to initially effect selection of one of the cooking points and to thereafter effect at least one of activation, deactivation, and adjustment of a heating step with respect to said selected cooking point, the operation of said actuation element thus resulting in a selection of a cooking point and at least one of activation, deactivation, and adjustment of a heating step with respect to said selected cooking point, and said actuation element additionally being operable to effect an additional actuation mode with respect to said selected cooking point after the selection of said selected cooking point and the effectuation of at least one of activation, deactivation, and adjustment of a heating step with respect to said selected cooking point; and

a sensor unit associated with said actuation element for sensing a change in a status of said actuation element indicating that said actuation element has been actuated to initially effect selection of a cooking point and to thereafter effect at least one of activation, deactivation, and adjustment of a heating step with respect to said selected cooking point and for sensing a change in a status of said actuation element indicating that said actuation element has been actuated to effect said additional actuation mode with respect to said selected cooking point.

30. (New) The cooking appliance according to claim 29, including at least one portion of said actuation element displacable in at least one given direction to thereby bring about a change in a status of said actuation element such that said actuation element effects at least one of a selection of a cooking point and at least one of activation, deactivation, and adjustment of a heating step with respect to said selected cooking point and said at least one portion of said actuation element also being displaceable in a further given direction that is different from the respective given directions in which said at least one portion of said actuation element is displaced in connection with the selection of said selected cooking point and the effectuation of at least one of activation, deactivation, and adjustment of a heating step with respect to said selected cooking point, a displacement of said at least one portion of said actuation element in said further given direction bringing about a change in a status of said actuation element such that said actuation element effects said additional actuation mode with respect to said selected cooking point.
31. (New) The cooking appliance according to claim 30, including said at least one portion of said actuation element displaceable in said given direction is a toggle portion and said toggle portion is tilttable from an initial position in an actuation direction to thereby bring about a change in a status of said actuation element such that said actuation element effects at least one of a selection of a cooking point and said at least one portion of said actuation element displaceable in said further given direction actuation element is a portion of said actuation element that moves relative to said toggle portion of said acuation element.

32. (New) The cooking appliance according to claim 31, including said toggle portion of said actuation element has an axis extending therethrough, said actuation element is tiltable relatively around another axis perpendicular to the axis extending through said toggle portion of said actuation element to effect at least one of the selection of said selected cooking point and the effectuation of at least one of activation, deactivation, and adjustment of a heating step with respect to said selected cooking point along said prescribed path of movement to thereby effect adjustment, activation, and deactivation of a selected cooking point and said portion of said actuation element that moves relative to said toggle portion of said acuation element is a pushbutton.
33. (New) The cooking appliance according to claim 31, including said pushbutton actuates an additional actuation mode in the form of controlling the heating of said selected cooking point to achieve a parboil surge.
34. (New) The actuation device according to claim 32, including said pushbutton is movable relative along the axis extending through said toggle portion of said actuation element.